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TO: DIRECTOR FBI
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62-5973)(SQ13)(C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
Former Klan Informant
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY
BUDED 8/1/78

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78.

Review of relevant Philadelphia references disclosed no material responsive to questions one through seven and nine set forth on pages two and three of the referenced airtel.

For the information of FBIHQ, in response to question eight, SA [REDACTED] currently assigned to the Philadelphia Division, controlled GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as an informant, for several months in 1964 and 1965.

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1 - Philadelphia (62-5973)(SQ13)

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

Review of relevant references in the Philadelphia, Pa., Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed no information as to the following:

1. To indicate GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2. That ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3. That ROWE was involved or admitted to the bombing of the [] residence.

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4. That ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LUIZZO killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts".


5. That ROWE reported planned violence in advance of its occurrence.

6. Any instructions given to ROWE, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or investigation of acts of violence.

7. Any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.

8. Identities of past or present Special Agents of the FBI having had contact with ROWE after January 1963.

9. Identities of any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January 1963.

Investigation on 7/28/78 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-5973
by SA []  msd Date dictated 7/31/78

Airtel

7/28/78

To: SAC, Savannah

Personal Attention

From: Director, FBI

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

2 Copies made by CI
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12-1-78

Reference Savannah airtel to the Director dated,
7/24/78.

For information of Savannah, a review of FBIHQ files concerning Rowe indicated his alias to be Thomas Neil Moore rather than [redacted] as identified by [redacted] source. In addition, the file indicates [redacted] names to have been [redacted] rather than [redacted] as stated by source.

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It is noted that there is no current information available concerning Rowe and in view of the Bureau's responsibility to disseminate the information concerning a possible homicide, as set forth in reference airtel, the following investigation is requested.

SAC Savannah is requested to recontact source to obtain any further details available concerning the alleged murder and determine if the information can be disseminated without compromising the source.

In addition, the Savannah Office is requested to conduct discreet investigation to obtain background information on [redacted] obtain fingerprints and thereafter have them compared with known fingerprints of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., FBI number 951500P.

The results of the requested investigation should be expeditiously furnished to the Office of Professional Responsibility, FBI, Room 7650, JEH.

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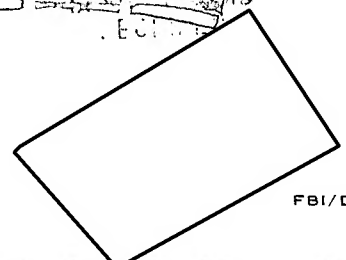
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Airtel to Savannah
Re: Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

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Reference airtel sets forth that [redacted]
who requested her identity be protected, advised she was

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Date 7/31/78

TO : Director, FBI
 (Attn: Assistant Director of the Planning and Inspection
 Division, Office of Professional Responsibility)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel 7/20/78.

For information of the Bureau, there exists no indices reference in the name of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. With regards to referenced Bureau airtel, a thorough review of Indianapolis File 157-93 (BAPBOMB) reflects no information relating to ROWE or any of his activities as outlined in referenced Bureau airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

A thorough search of the indices section of the Indianapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected no reference in the name of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

Absence of a reference in this name indicates that there is no information contained in the files of the Indianapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Indianapolis, Indiana File # IP 62-2304

by SA [redacted] *[signature]* :rel Date dictated 7/28/78

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Date 7/31/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PLANNING
 AND INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF
 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (62-1833) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78, and Milwaukee teletype to the Bureau dated 7/17/78.

Referenced Milwaukee teletype set forth that indices of this office reflect only one reference and one main file pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and/or any investigations formerly conducted pertaining to captioned subject.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and one copy each of nine FD-302's pertaining to a detailed search of Milwaukee files for information relative to Bureau airtel to all offices dated 7/20/78.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that any past or present Agent assigned to the Milwaukee Division of the FBI ever had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. either before or after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] *mbc* Date dictated 7/28/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that any persons within the law enforcement community of the State of Wisconsin ever had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. either before or after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] *mbc* Date dictated 7/28/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information indicating irregularities in GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s activities or the FBI's handling of ROWE as an informant.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833
by SA [redacted] abc Date dictated 7/28/78

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The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that instructions were ever given to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. by Agents of the Milwaukee Division. Furthermore, a review of the files reflected no instances where GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. reported planned violence in advance to any Agent of the Milwaukee Division of the FBI.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] *mbc* Date dictated 7/28/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the killing of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO in Lowndes County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, other than what his testimony reflects or that the departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] ^{mbc} Date dictated 7/28/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was involved, or admitted to involvement, in the bombing of the [REDACTED] residence.

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833
by SA [REDACTED] *mbc* Date dictated 7/28/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was involved, or admitted to involvement, in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833
by SA [redacted] mbc Date dictated 7/28/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and found to contain no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. ever furnished information pertaining to his having shot a Negro man during the Birmingham, Alabama, riots in 1963.

Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] *abc* Date dictated 7/28/78

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The files of the Milwaukee Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, were reviewed on July 25, 1978, and it was determined that the Milwaukee Division does not now, nor has it ever, have a file pertaining specifically to one GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. under his true name or any aliases.

It was determined that the Milwaukee Division, at one time, maintained a main file regarding the investigation of the killing of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO (Milwaukee file 44-249); however, it was determined that this file has been previously destroyed in accordance with former Bureau instructions regarding the destruction of closed files. The date of destruction of that file was March 3, 1977.

One reference was located in the Milwaukee files pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and that reference consists of a newspaper article from the "Evening Star" newspaper in Washington, DC, dated March 26, 1965. A review of that article reveals that it pertains to the arrest by the FBI of four individuals in the shooting death of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO, on March 26, 1965.

The only other file maintained by the Milwaukee Division of the FBI is Milwaukee file 157-125 which was code named "Bap Bomb" and pertained to the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama.

A review of this latter file (157-125) revealed that the file originally contained seven serials; however, it has been determined that serial 6 is no longer contained in the file. Examination indicates that missing serial 6 most probably would have been a letter from the Milwaukee Office of the FBI to the Birmingham Office of the FBI probably dated July or August, 1964. This communication would have been in response to a letter dated July 24, 1964, addressed to the Milwaukee Office by the Birmingham Office requesting investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, regarding [redacted] whom the Birmingham Division of the FBI had developed as a suspect in the case code named "Bap Bomb."

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Interviewed on 7/25/78 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1833

by SA [redacted] *m h*
mbc Date dictated 7/28/78

MI 62-1833

The Birmingham Division, at that time, informed the Milwaukee Division that [] was in the possession of a 1955 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [] Birmingham further informed Milwaukee that the National Auto Theft Bureau manual reflected that the VIN prefix indicated that that particular Chevrolet was assembled at the Chevrolet assembly plant in [] The Birmingham Division requested that the Milwaukee Division contact the appropriate officials at the Chevrolet assembly plant in [] and obtain ignition and trunk keys for [] Chevrolet.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN.: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (62-3209) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Portland airtel to FBIHQ, 7/25/78.

Enclosed for FBIHQ is the original and one copy
of an FD-302 pertaining to captioned matter.

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A complete review of information in possession of the FBI, Portland, relative to GARY THOMAS ROWE, [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EAON, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] VIOLA LIUZZO, BAPBOMB, and the bombing of the residence of [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, on September 8, 1963, revealed no information indicating any inproprieties or illegal activities on the part of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

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There are no serials missing from Portland files pertaining to the above individuals or events.

Investigation on 7/31/78 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 62-3209

by SA [REDACTED] krv Date dictated 7/31/78

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Date 7/31/78TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-0-1387D)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany 7/20/78.

In accordance with instructions contained in referenced Bureau airtel, Charlotte has again reviewed references and information pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and no information has been found relating to items 1 through 9 as set forth in referenced airtel.

Charlotte's response to items 1 through 9 is, therefore, negative.

By teletype dated 7/17/78 Charlotte furnished Bureau results of indices and file searches pertaining to captioned subject, and there is no information other than that set out in Charlotte teletype of 7/17/78 bearing above caption.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: ROOM 3744)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3744) (RUG)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY
BUDED: 8/1/78Re Butel call to Pittsburgh 7/31/78, Pittsburgh
airtel to FBIHQ dated 7/27/78.Enclosed for FBIHQ are 2 copies of FD-302 covering
items enumerated in re Buairtel.3 - Bureau (Encls. 2)
1 - PittsburghWFM/mpj
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Records of the Pittsburgh Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were reviewed and no information was located relative to the following:

- a) ROWE having killed a black man during the riots in Birmingham in 1963;
- b) ROWE's involvement or admitted involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on September 15, 1963;
- c) ROWE's involvement or admitted involvement in the bombing of the residence of [] in Birmingham on September 8, 1963;
- d) ROWE's alleged responsibility for the shooting of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO in Lowndes County Alabama on March 25, 1965, or alleged knowledge of ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts" by Departmental Attorneys who prosecuted this matter;
- e) ROWE's alleged participation in or instigation of acts of violence while in the Klan or information indicating ROWE informed the Bureau of acts before they occurred or information the Bureau did nothing to curtail the violent activities.

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Interviewed on 7/26/78 at Pittsburgh, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 62-3744
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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING
AND INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (62-1608) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY(A)

Re Buairtel, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies each of
nine FD-302's requested by referenced communication.

② - Bureau (Enc. - 45)
1 - Jacksonville
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 7/31/78

A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect the identity of any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608

by SA [redacted] /dpb Date dictated 7/28/78

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters reflects that the only agent, past or present, having any contact with ROWE after January, 1963 was former Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] who currently resides at [redacted]

[redacted] This contact was limited to one occasion on April 2, 1965 at the Pensacola Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wherein arrangements were made for ROWE and SA [redacted] of the Birmingham Division to obtain motel reservations.

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Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608

by SA [redacted] /dph Date dictated 7/28/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROVE, JR. and related matters determined that the total number of serials in the pertinent files is 184 and all these serials are accounted for.

Interviewed on 7/23/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 82-1508

by SA [redacted] /dps Date dictated 7/23/78

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Federal Bureau of Investigation's handling of ROWE as an informant.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1602

by SA [redacted] /apb Date dictated 7/28/78

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information that ROWE reported any planned violence in advance. In addition, no information was found relative to any instructions given to ROWE.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608

by SA [redacted] /dgt Date dictated 7/28/78

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Linzzo killing other than his testimony reflects or that Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts".

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608

by SA [redacted] /dpt Date dictated 7/28/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 7/31/78

A review of pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence.

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Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608by SA [redacted] /dpb Date dictated 7/28/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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A review of the pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1608

by SA /dpb Date dictated 7/28/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 7/31/78

A review of pertinent files and documents in the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and related matters failed to reflect any information to indicate ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

Interviewed on 7/28/78 at Jacksonville, Florida File # 62-1508

by SA [redacted] /ape Date dictated 7/28/78

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (66-1249) (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. 2 copies made by [initials]
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT for action by Rowe Task Force
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY Date 12.1.78

Re Bureau airtel to Mobile, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of an FD 302 relative to the results of file reviews conducted by Mobile.

A review of Mobile files does not indicate any information to indicate ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots, any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, any information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence or any information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Liuzzo killing or that the Departmental Attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

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 The Mobile file review does not indicate any instructions given to ROWE particularly as to his conduct 21 1978 or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence, any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant, any past or present agent of the Mobile Division having had contact with ROWE after January, 1963, or any contact of other persons within the law enforcement community of the Mobile Division who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

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Mobile File 157-416 contains 421 serials relative to the matter and all serials are present in the file with the exception of serial 313 which is missing. A possibility exists that serial 313 was a Form 0-1, Error Form, from the Bureau dated 2/20/64 which was serialized and returned to FBIHQ on 2/22/64.

This file review required 13 Agent hours of a Grade 12, 13 Agent hours of a Grade 13 and 3 Clerk Dictating Machine Transcriber hours.

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A review of Birmingham Report of SA [] dated January 29, 1964, Birmingham File Number 157-352, Bureau File Number 157-1025 captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS" determined the following information:

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On December 11, 1963, [] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Exalted Cyclops, Eastview Klavern, had assigned [] to pick up a [] and beat a confession out of [] concerning BAPBOMB.

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This information is located on Cover Page D of the report with the identity of the Agent receiving the information not being indicated. This information is located in Mobile file 157-416-304.

It is not indicated that this information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

A review of Birmingham report of SA [] dated January 12, 1965 captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS," Birmingham File 157-352, Bureau File 157-1025, Mobile File 157-416-378, Cover Page X, indicates [] on December 18, 1964 reported a splinter group of Klansmen, believed meeting in the past at the Cahaba River Bridge, had acquired a shack somewhere along the Cahaba River wherein they were storing guns, ammunition, dynamite and a printing press.

[] advised on December 10, 1964, Cover Page Z, he had no factual knowledge of the church bombing but was of the firm belief that it was probably perpetrated by a very small select group who had disassociated themselves from Eastview Klavern Number 13, United Klans of America, Inc., KKK. He added that the most logical suspects for this bombing were [] BOBBY FRANK CHERRY, HERMAN CASH, ROBERT CHAMBLISS and TOMMY BLANTON, JR. He added that these individuals possibly received assistance and direction from []

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shots that were fired.

The identity of the Agent receiving this information is not indicated, nor location of contact or purpose of contact.

It is not indicated if the information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

A review of Birmingham report of SA [redacted] dated October 12, 1964 captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS," Birmingham File 157-352, Bureau File 157-1025, Mobile File 157-416-373, Cover Page J indicates that on August 17, 1964 [redacted] advised that a [redacted] advised on August 14, 1964 after a regular meeting of the Bessemer Klavern that if [redacted] knew who the informant was that was doing all the damage which was being done to the organization, he, [redacted] would assassinate the informant or anyone else who was cooperating with the FBI.

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[redacted] advised on September 27, 1964 a plan for members of Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns to bomb a Negro night club known as the Flame Club in Fairfield, Alabama. [redacted] advised that a [redacted] obtained one Thompson 45 caliber sub machine gun, 8 sticks of dynamite and 5 or 6 fragmentation type hand grenades.

On September 30, 1964, [redacted] advised that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., passed word among the members that the plan to bomb the club had been postponed.

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The identity of the Agent receiving this information, location of contacts and purpose of contacts was not specifically indicated.

It was not indicated if the information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

The identity of the Agent receiving this information is not indicated, location of contacts or purpose of contacts not specifically indicated.

It is not indicated if the information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

A review of Birmingham Report of SA [redacted] dated June 11, 1964, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS" Birmingham File 157-352, Bureau File 157-1025, Mobile File 157-416-358, Cover Page J, indicates that [redacted] advised on April 19, 1964 that [redacted] indicated [redacted] was tired of [redacted] "downing him" and stated that if they "don't come off it he will blow the lid off them."

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On April 23, 1964, [redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated that ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, told [redacted] the Cahaba Heights Klansmen are still very active and SHELTON stated that if necessary "they should burn the place down."

The identity of the Agent receiving this information was not indicated, location of contacts or purpose of contacts indicated.

It is not indicated if the information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

A review of Birmingham report of SA [redacted] dated July 29, 1964, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS," Birmingham File 157-352, Bureau File 157-1025, Mobile File 157-416-364, Cover Page PP, indicates that on April 10, 1961 [redacted] advised that several members of the Eastview Klavern Number 13 of the Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., traveled to the residence of [redacted] [redacted] for the purpose of frightening him since he had living in his household a Negro woman and child. [redacted] advised that when [redacted] unlocked the door [redacted] grabbed [redacted] [redacted] advised that gunshots were exchanged between [redacted] and members of the Klavern but no one was struck by any

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A review of Birmingham Report of SA [redacted] dated March 6, 1964 captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963 BOMBING MATTERS" Birmingham File 157-352, Bureau File 157-1025, Mobile File 157-416-332, Cover Page E, indicates that on December 6, 1963 [redacted] was contacted by a [redacted] [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] who saw ROBERT SHELTON on December 2, 1963, concerning the State's desire to pick up [redacted] in connection with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. [redacted] told SHELTON he wanted the Klan to "beat a confession out of [redacted] and [redacted] told [redacted] that SHELTON had assigned him, [redacted] to handle the project. [redacted] told [redacted] the Governor's Office had definite information that [redacted] was involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church and, in fact, the Governor's Office had been feeding stray information to other state law enforcement agencies to keep them away from [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that according to [redacted] [redacted] had been assigned by the National State Rights Party to "get" [redacted]

A review of Cover Page F indicates that contacts with [redacted] on February 8 - 9, 1964 developed information that a [redacted] had requested [redacted] to obtain four electrical blasting caps. [redacted] was to give [redacted] these blasting caps and a Klonvocation held in Birmingham on February 8 - 9, 1964 but the caps were passed to a Bessemer Klansman, [redacted] passed the blasting caps to [redacted] on the afternoon of February 9, 1964. [redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted] planned to use the blasting caps for something but would have to hold off as something was not going right.

The identity of the Agent receiving this information, the location of contacts and the purpose of contacts was not indicated.

It is not indicated if the information was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination or the manner of dissemination.

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A review of Birmingham report of SA [REDACTED] dated December 20, 1963 captioned, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963, BOMBING MATTERS" Birmingham File Number 157-352, Bureau File Number 157-1025, Mobile File Number 157-416-278, Page "J" indicates [REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED] on December 2, December 5, December 6 and December 7, 1963. The location of the contacts and purpose of contacts are not specifically indicated.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: *RK* DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5141)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany and selected offices,
 7/20/78.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of an FD-302 setting forth a review of St. Louis files as requested in re airtel.

The Bureau will note that St. Louis indices contain a main card on ROWE, St. Louis file [redacted] which file was destroyed 2/24/78. St. Louis can locate no record of ROWE ever having been assigned a symbol number by the St. Louis office. This would indicate that a lead(s) other than a record check was received by St. Louis, covered, and RUC'd to the office of origin. St. Louis records do not reveal what office was origin.

St. Louis is maintaining the "BAPBOMB" file described in the enclosed FD-302 together with instant file, SL 62-5141, apart from other files in the office and under the direct supervision of the ASAC.

The following information is submitted for costing purposes as related to the preparation of the enclosed FD-302 and instant airtel: **14 AUG 21 1978**

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GS-4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ hours
GS-5	1 hour
GS-15	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

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8. Savannah file [] Serial #8, is a memorandum by SA [] dated 10/14/70, which indicates that while he was at ROWE's residence inquiring about ROWE's possible return to Savannah for the funeral of ROWE's father, ROWE called the residence and spoke to SA []. The memorandum indicates that the conversation concerned ROWE's knowledge of any old Klan members ROWE had known while living in Savannah and SA [] assurance to ROWE that there had been no Klan activity in Savannah for three years or more. The memorandum also indicates that ROWE stated that he would carry a firearm if he returned to the funeral and the fact that ROWE was advised by SA [] that he should not do so and was not authorized to carry a firearm in Georgia.

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Savannah file [] is a memorandum indicating that ASAC CLARK BROWN, San Diego, may have been in contact with ROWE regarding ROWE's possible return to Savannah to attend the funeral of ROWE's father.

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Savannah files contain no other information regarding Agents having had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

9. Savannah files contain no information regarding anyone within the law enforcement community having had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

The Bureau should note that Savannah has recently conducted an interview with an individual who states that she has had contact with ROWE []. This information has been reported to the Bureau by Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 7/24/78, captioned "GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY".

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Review of files conducted by Special Agent (GS-11) and involved approximately five hours of file review and one half-hour's dictation.

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7/31/78

Date of transcription

A review of the indices and files identified therein reveal the following information concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.:

The indices contain a reference to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., a white male, born August 15, 1933. This reference is dated July, 1960, and refers to St. Louis file [redacted] St. Louis records disclose this file was destroyed February 24, 1978, pursuant to the routine file destruction program then in effect.

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1) There is no information to indicate ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2) There is no information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3) There is no information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence.

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4) There is no information ROWE was involved in the killing of Mrs. EIOLA G. LIUZZO.

5(a)) There is no instance where ROWE reported planned violence in advance.

5(b)) No instructions were given to ROWE.

6) There is no information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Federal Bureau of Investigation's handling of ROWE as an informant.

7) The only pertinent file in this matter is that captioned "BAPBOMB" (UNSUB; Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/65). This file contains 39 serials and none are missing. There is no mention of ROWE in this file.

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by ASAC JOHN F. SHANLEY ljs Date dictated 7/31/78

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8) St. Louis can identify no Agent who has had contact with ROWE at any time.

9) St. Louis can identify no person within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE at any time.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: *Confidential* SAC, SAVANNAH

RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) FD-302s which contain positive information on questions 7 and 8 in referenced airtel.

The following information is provided with respect to the request made by the Bureau in above referenced airtel. Answers correspond to questions one through nine as listed on Pages 2 and 3 of above referenced airtel.

1. Savannah in possession of no information to indicate ROWE ever furnished information pertaining to having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2. Savannah in possession of no information which indicates that ROWE was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3. Savannah in possession of no information indicating that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of residence.

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4. Savannah in possession of no information to indicate ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing. It should be noted that an indices search under the name VIOLA LIUZZO was negative.

5. (a) Savannah files contain no information that ROWE reported planned violence of any kind.

(b) Savannah files have no information to indicate ROWE received instructions on any matter.

(c) N/A

6. Savannah files contain no information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.

7. Review of Savannah indices under names listed in Bureau teletype dated 7/14/78, and names listed in above referenced Bureau airtel, determined Savannah currently has two files regarding above captioned matter.

File No. 1 is Savannah 157-503, dealing with BAPBOMB, the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. This file contains 245 serials of which serial 210 is missing. There is no indication in the file as to the reason for the absence of this serial. Savannah was auxiliary office in this investigation and the file contains little information which is pertinent and contains absolutely no information regarding ROWE. The file contains no information which would indicate the nature of the missing serial. It is assumed that if pertinent information were contained in the serial, a copy of it would have been forwarded to the Office of Origin, which was Birmingham. Serial #209 is dated 2/1/64 and serial #211 is dated 3/17/64.

The Savannah Office is in possession of Savannah file which carries GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as the subject. This file contains 18 serials, none of which are missing. The file is of a general nature and contains no pertinent information regarding ROWE's involvement in any criminal matters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI-ATTN: Assistant Director
of Planning & Inspection Division,
Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (62-3116)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

DATE: 7/31/78

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau, 7/27/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and two
copies of a FD-302 concerning captioned matter.

No additional investigation being conducted.

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On July 27, 1978, a review was conducted at the Seattle Division of the FBI of indices and files possibly relating to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. No relevant information was located.

Interviewed on 7/27/78 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 62-3116

by SA /kn Date dictated 7/31/78

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: ^{0.5} SAC, EL PASO (62-2243) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re EP airtel to the Bureau, 7/26/78; and Bureau teletype to all SACs, 7/14/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting El Paso Division indices search requested by Bureau Supervisor on 7/31/78.

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Indices of the El Paso Division were searched concerning the following:

1. GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
Also known as Tommy Rowe, Thomas Neil Moore, [REDACTED]
Date of Birth - August 15, 1930 or August 15, 1933, Place of Birth - Savannah, Georgia, FBI Number 921500B
2. [REDACTED]
3. WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON
4. [REDACTED]
5. GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
6. VIOLA LIUZZO
7. [REDACTED]
8. BAPBOMB, Bombing of the 16th Street Church, September 15, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama
9. The Bombing of Residence of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
September 8, 1963

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All of these indices searches were negative except for VIOLA LIUZZO which had a reference to EP 105-77-47, and for BAPBOMB, the bombing of the 16th Street Church, September 15, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama, which had a reference to EP 157-73.

EP 105-77-47 is a one serial reference to an El Paso Herald Post Newspaper article dated May 14, 1965, by author INEZ ROBB, Editor R. W. LEE. Newspaper article

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by SA [REDACTED] DP /myg myg Date dictated 7/31/78

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entitled "Was FBI Man an Accessory to Murder of Mrs. LIUZZO?". EP 157-73 is a file in the El Paso Division that contains 12 serials. The following is a listing of those serials:

1. Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, dated September 18, 1963.
2. Atlanta teletype to El Paso, dated September 21, 1963.
3. El Paso teletype to Birmingham, dated September 21, 1963.
4. Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, dated September 24, 1963.
5. El Paso memorandum to all Agents, dated September 24, 1963.
6. FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] on September 21, 1963, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]
7. FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] dated September 21, 1963, by SA [redacted]
8. El Paso airtel to the Bureau, dated October 3, 1963.
9. Birmingham LHM (letterhead memorandum) entitled "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of the Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, May 11, 1963, Bombing Matters, Bureau file number 157-881, Birmingham file number 157-241".
10. Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, dated September 29, 1963.
11. Memorandum of SA [redacted] El Paso Division, dated October 4, 1963.

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12. FD-209 from SA [redacted] to
Special Agent in Charge (SAC), El Paso,
dated October 9, 1963.

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The above material has been located in the
El Paso Division and has been secured pursuant to instruc-
tions received.

El Paso indices search did not reflect any
references to files no longer in the possession of the
El Paso Office.

In the above described indices search and in the
above described serials there was no information located
pertinent to the allegations of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

The above indices search and serials review was
conducted by SA [redacted]

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-3089)(RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY
 BUDED: 8/1/78

Re Butel, 7/14/78, Denver tel, dated 7/17/78, and
 Bureau airtel, dated 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original FD-302
 prepared by SA [REDACTED] in response to Item #8,
 page 3, of referenced Bureau airtel.

All other inquiries set forth in referenced
 Bureau airtel are not applicable to Denver. The only
 investigation generated by Denver concerning this matter
 was under the "BAPBOMB" caption, for the purpose of local
 informant canvassing, which was negative. The Denver file
 of BAPBOMB contains only five serials, none are missing and
 the file has been secured in accordance with Bureau
 instructions.

Cost data for this inquiry is as follows to date:

One Supervisory Agent, GS-14,
 1 1/2 hours;

One Agent, GS-13
 1 hour;

One Secretary, GS-11
 1 hour.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND INSPECTION
DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-251) (RUC)

RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel, 7/20/78, and San Antonio teletype,
7/26/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of 9
FD-302's reflecting that no information regarding the
allegations concerning former Klan informant, GARY THOMAS
ROWE, JR., and the Bureau's handling of him as outlined in
re Bureau airtel, is contained in San Antonio files.

Cost data relating to this inquiry for the San
Antonio Division should be corrected to include four hours
for one GS-13 Special Agent; two hours for one GS-4 Clerk
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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information to indicate GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

Investigation on 7/26/78 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 157-251

by SA eya Date dictated 7/27/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 7/31/78

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Investigation on 7/26/78 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 157-251

by SA eya Date dictated 7/27/78

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [] residence.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental Attorneys, who prosecuted the matter, were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts." It is noted ROWE maintains that he was a passenger in the vehicle used by Klansmen who shot LIUZZO, but denies having fired the weapon.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not identify any instance where GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. reported planned violence in advance to include when the information was received, who received it, whether it was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of the dissemination, and the manner of dissemination.

The files also do not identify any instructions given to ROWE, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence. The files do not identify who issued any instructions, when they were issued, or how they were recorded.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information indicating irregularities in GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, contain 38 serials relating to the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on September 15, 1963. None of these 38 serials contain any information identifiable with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. This file also contains three serials relating to the administrative inquiry regarding ROWE. All serials are accounted for.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain any information indicating the identity of any past or present Special Agents having had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. after January, 1963.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio, Texas, do not contain the identity of any persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. after January, 1963.

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7/31/78

Date

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-465) RUC

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78; Kansas City teletype to Bureau, 7/17/78 and Bureau tel, 7/14/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an FD-302 setting forth information requested by Bureau.

It should be noted that the Kansas City files are negative concerning captioned former informant.

One Special Agent (GS-13) spent two hours handling this matter.

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A review of the Kansas City files fails to reflect any information on the following items:

1. Any information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.
2. Any information that ROWE was involved in or admitted involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.
3. Any information ROWE was involved in or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence. b6
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4. Any information ROWE was involved in or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing, other than his testimony reflects.
5. There is no information that ROWE planned any violence and no information concerning instructions given to ROWE.
6. There is no information indicating any irregularities in ROWE's activities or FBI handling of ROWE as an informant.
7. There are no serials or pertinent files pertaining to ROWE.
8. There is no indication of any past or present Agents having contact with ROWE after January 1963.
9. There is no information concerning any persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January 1963.

Interviewed on 7/31/78 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 157-465
by SA [redacted] - ksu Date dictated 7/31/78

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND INSPECTION
DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-5591) (P)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel, 7/20/78.

Indices and files of the Boston Office have been reviewed and the answers to questions 1 to 9 as set forth in reference Bureau airtel are contained in attached FD-302.

The indices check and file review was conducted by SA [redacted] Principle Legal Instructor, Boston Office (GS-13). SA [redacted] spent four hours in connection with this matter. Dictation and typing was handled by [redacted] (GS-5) which took one hour total time spent.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (Attn: *21*) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-643)(P)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of FD-302 reflecting file review conducted at the Detroit Office by Principal Legal Instructor SA

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Cost factor:

One Grade 13 Agent - 8 Hours

One Grade 6 Steno - 1 Hour

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On June 31, 1978, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reviewed Detroit file #44-643, entitled [redacted] WILLIAM ORRVILLE EATON; [redacted] VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO-VICTIM; CR - ELECTION LAWS".

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It was noted that serial one of this file is a teletype from the Detroit Office to Director, FBI and the Selma, Alabama, Resident Agency, dated March 26, 1965. This teletype contains the results of a record check with the Michigan Secretary of State's Office concerning 1965 Michigan License Plate Number EJ-9177, which was on the 1963 Oldsmobile driven by VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO at the time of her death. The teletype also contains background information from Michigan Secretary of State's Office obtained from Mrs. LIUZZO's driver's license application. The last paragraph of this teletype contains information obtained from the files of the Detroit Police Department, however, page two of the teletype is missing. It appears that the missing portion contained only the results of the Detroit Police Department record check. The reason for the absence of page two of this teletype is unknown.

During the review of this file, and several serials contained in other files of the Detroit Office, no information was located:

1. Indicating GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots;
2. That ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham;
3. That ROWE was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence;

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4. That ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental Attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's unreliable and/or criminal acts;

5.a. That ROWE reported planned violence in advance;

b. That any instructions were ever given to ROWE by Agents of the Detroit Office;

6. Indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant;

7. The only serial missing from this file is page two of serial one, as noted above.

8. The files of the Detroit Office contain no information as to the identity of any Agent who might have had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, after January, 1963;

9. Files of the Detroit Office contain no information as to the identity of any other law enforcement officers who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

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Date 7/31/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-3024) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY
 BUDED: 8/1/78

Re Bureau airtel to numerous offices including
 Atlanta, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of
 nine FD-302s prepared by Atlanta as requested by the Bureau.

Referenced Bureau airtel advised recipient offices
 that various allegations had been made that GARY THOMAS
 ROWE, JR., former Bureau Klan informant, had been involved
 in the killing of a black man, bombings, the shooting of
 Mrs. VIOLA G. LUIZZO, and also that he participated in or
 instigated acts of violence while in the Klan, etc.

The Bureau then requested recipient offices to
 review all information in their possession to determine
 if there was any information to substantiate these allegations.

The Bureau in referenced airtel then set forth
 nine different categories it wanted covered by each office
 relative to specific allegations against ROWE, number of
 serials in pertinent files and whether any were missing,

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and the identities of Agents or others in the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963. Separate FD-302s were to be used to cover each different category.

Atlanta noted that its indices were negative regarding GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., aka TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED]

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Atlanta only had one file that was pertinent to this matter; namely, Atlanta File 157-582, for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, code name BAPBOM. This file consisted of one Sub A Section and six volumes consisting of 410 serials. Atlanta reviewed this BAPBOM file, and there was no information in it pertaining to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

Based on the check of Atlanta indices and the review of the BAPBOM file, Atlanta prepared its responses for the enclosed FD-302s.

COST DATA INFORMATION

Agent Hours - 16 (Grade GS-13) (10)
Steno Hours - 1 1/2 (Grade GS-5) (1)

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The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating any persons within the law enforcement community had any contacts with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., after January, 1963.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating any past or present FBI Agents had any contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., after January, 1963.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating any irregularities in GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s activities or the FBI's handling of ROWE as an informant.

Investigation on 7/28/78 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 62-3024

by SA [redacted] pf Date dictated 7/31/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., while in the Klan, reported planned violence in advance to the FBI or that any instructions had been given to ROWE by the FBI, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence.

Investigation on 7/28/78 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 62-3024
by SA [redacted] pf Date dictated 7/31/78

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/31/78

The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was involved in or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence in [redacted] on September 8, 1963.

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by SA [redacted] epf Date dictated 7/31/78

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Appropriate files of the Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were reviewed, but no information was noted indicating GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was involved in or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) only has one file in its possession that relates to the GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., matter and that is Atlanta File 157-582, for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, code name BAPBOM. This file consisted of one Sub A Section and six volumes, consisting of 410 serials.

The volumes of this file were reviewed and checked, and the following was noted as to missing serials:

157-582-SA Volume

This volume contained Exhibits 1A-1 through 61, and all the exhibit envelopes were in this volume.

157-582-Volume 1

This volume in the 1A Exhibit Section had 1A Exhibits 1A-62 through 70, and all the exhibit envelopes were in this volume.

The volume itself contained Serials 1 through 110, and all the serials were accounted for.

157-582-Volume 2

This volume contained Serials 111 through 193, but the following serials were missing:

- 111 - Missing. It appears this was a skipped serial, but there was no accounting for it.
- 164 - There was a charge out slip in the file showing the serialization had been skipped.
- 168 - There was a charge out slip in the file showing the serialization had been skipped.

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157-582-Volume 3

This volume consisted of Serials 194 through 196, and all the serials were accounted for.

157-582-Volume 4

This volume consisted of Serials 197 through 324, and the following serials were missing in this volume:

215 - Serial is missing. It appears that the serialization was skipped, but there is no accounting for it.

273 and 274 - Serials are missing, but there are charge out slips in the file showing they were removed.

157-582-Volume 5

This volume consisted of Serials 325 through 380, but the following serials were missing:

356 and 357 - There was a charge out slip showing both serials were placed in File 157-734, and both serials were located in this file.

157-582-Volume 6

This volume consisted of Serials 381 through 410, and no serials were missing.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The Atlanta Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has no information in its possession indicating GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the riots in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

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Indices and files of the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were searched and checked in response to directions contained in an airtel from the Director dated July 20, 1978 captioned GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY. Set forth below are the responses to the numbered questions propounded in this Bureau airtel:

1. No information in the files of the Boston Office responsive to this question.
2. Same response as number one.
3. Same response as number one.
4. Same response as number one.
5. A, B and C, same response as number one.
6. Same response as number one.
7. Inasmuch as there are no files pertinent to the activities of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. in the Boston Office, this question is not applicable.
8. Same response as number one.
9. Same response as number one.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JEH	11255	341		IDENTIFICATION DIV.					
JEH	6012	234		ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	JEH	8988	245		
JEH	5829	211		RECORDS MANAGEMENT	JEH	5442	243		
JEH	4026	232		INTELLIGENCE DIV.	JEH	5224	243		
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JEH	3090	241		LABORATORY DIV.	JEH	5434	243		
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JEH	7427	245		LEGAL COUNSEL	JEH	5448	243		
JEH	7125	213		PLANNING AND INSPECTION					
QUANTICO		152		TRAINING DIV.	JEH	5841	211		
					JEH	7338	245		CIVIL LITIGATION UNIT
JEH	5829	211		MR. BASSETT	JEH	3658	231		[REDACTED]
JEH	5829	211		MR. O'BRIEN	JEH	11262	341		
JEH	6296	314		MR. McCREIGHT	JEH	4859	224		
JEH	5644	211		MR. AWE	JEH	5447A	143		FILE REVIEW
JEH	6212	244		[REDACTED]	JEH	5648	222		FILING UNIT
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if a search of arrest
records is desired.

The FBI, Dallas, Tex.
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Attn: Recording Section

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Date: 7/31/78

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: OPR, ROOM 7650
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (62-2654) (P)

RAY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

ReBuairtel, 7/20/78.

Enclosed are four (4) copies of an LHM disclosing
results of a review of files of the Birmingham Office, FBI,
concerning categories described in reairtel.

Cost data concerning this review is being tabulated
Birmingham and FBIHQ will be advised.

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DATE: 8/1/78

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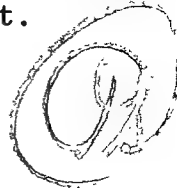
TO: Director, FBI

Attn: [REDACTED] OPR, Room 7646

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Enclosed herewith is a memorandum of Supervisory Senior Resident Agent [REDACTED] concerning the request from the Department for transcripts of testimony provided by SA [REDACTED] and other witnesses concerning captioned subject before the Church Committee in 1975.

It is recommended that the Bureau approve SA [REDACTED] travel to Washington, D. C. at Bureau expense for the purpose of reviewing his previous testimony prior to having it made available to Mr. MICHAEL SHAHEEN of the Department.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

memorandum

DATE: 7/27/78

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SSRA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

GARY THOMAS ROWE, [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNINGb2
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TO: SAC, NEIL J. WELCH

At 1 p.m., 7/27/78, the writer received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Room G-308, Dirksen Senate Office Building, First and C Streets, Washington, D.C., telephone [REDACTED] who advised that he was calling the writer personally to advise him that a request had been made from the Department of Justice for transcripts of testimony provided by the writer, and other witnesses, concerning captioned subject before the CHURCH Committee in 1975.

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[REDACTED] advised that procedurally they will not furnish transcripts of testimony to the Department of Justice but they will make them available for review providing the witnesses have no objections and that this was the purpose of his telephone call.

The writer stated to [REDACTED] that judging by media reports, it is anticipated that the Department of Justice is conducting a thorough investigation prompted by recent television appearances and statements of ROWE, and that the writer anticipates being called upon by the Department to provide information relative to this inquiry. The writer advised [REDACTED] that prior to answering any questions, he would like to review his previous testimony given by deposition in 1975, and that he would like that opportunity as soon as possible.

[REDACTED] stated that the writer could not have a copy of his deposition but it would be made available to him for review in his office at any time and that any permission to travel to Washington, D.C., in order to accomplish this should be made of [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation, extension [REDACTED] with whom he has been coordinating this request for records by Mr. MICHAEL SHAHEEN of the Department of Justice.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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[] advised that based on my statement he would advise the Committee that he has telephonically contacted me and that I have expressed a desire to review my previous testimony prior to his making it available to Mr. SHAHEEN and I replied that his proposed action was acceptable to me. [] advised further that [] telephone [] would also be available to provide me with an opportunity to review this testimony.

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Request is made for permission to contact [] [] to obtain approval for my travel on official status to Washington, D.C., for that purpose.

NOTE:

[] works for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which is the successor to the CHURCH Committee. This Committee is chaired by Senator BAYH and Senator GOLDWATER and that they have in their possession all the records of the CHURCH committee.

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FM BALTIMORE (62-2758) RUC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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U N C L A S

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE, JULY 1, 1978; BUREAU AIRTEL, JULY
20, 1978.

ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER IN BALTIMORE'S
POSSESSION WAS REVIEWED WITHOUT LOCATING ANY OF THE REQUESTED
SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN REFERENCED BALTIMORE AIRTEL.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERIALS IN BALTIMORE'S POSSESSION WERE
REPORTED IN REFERENCED BALTIMORE TELETYPE; NONE ARE MISSING.

TIME UTILIZED WAS ONE HOUR BY ONE GS-13, STEP 4 AGENT AND
ONE QUARTER HOUR BY ONE GS-4, STEP 4 STENOGRAPHER.

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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING INSPECTION
DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY.

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED JULY 20, 1978.

BUREAU REFER TO LAS VEGAS TELETYPE DATED JULY 17, 1978,
IN WHICH IT WAS STATED LAS VEGAS HAS NO PERTINENT INFORMA-
TION TO REPORT.

SA [REDACTED] GS-13, TO THIS DATE HAS SPENT
FOUR HOURS ON THIS PROJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION, OPR)

FROM: *R/RH* SAC, ALBANY (62-2522) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, 7/20/78 and Albany
airtel to Bureau, 7/28/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and three
copies of an FD-302 summarizing Albany's search as to the above
captioned subject.

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Date of transcription July 31, 1978

On July 14, 1978, a search of Albany's indices was made pursuant to instructions from FBI Headquarters, for all references to: (A) GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., aka Tommy Rowe, Thomas Neil Moore. [redacted] (B) [redacted] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, [redacted] GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO; [redacted] (C) BAPBOMB, Bombing of the 16th Street Church, September 15, 1963, in Birmingham. Alabama, and (D) The Bombing of Residence of [redacted] [redacted] September 8, 1963.

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Indices search revealed three references: [redacted] (AL 161-1270); [redacted] (AL 100-20218-28 p.3) and BAPBOMB (AL 157-65).

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On July 17, 1978, Special Agent [redacted] conducted a review of the above three files and determined that these files were not identical to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. or any of the individuals or incidents listed above. No material is missing from these files.

Investigation on July 14 and 17, 1978 at Albany, New York File # AL 62-2522

by SA [redacted] : dml Date dictated July 25, 1978

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Date 8/1/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (157-0)

RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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Bureau, 7/17/78 and CO airtel 7/27/78.

Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of FD 302 setting
forth a review of the Columbia Division files pertaining to
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. as requested by the Bureau.

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A review of the Columbia Office records reveals that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. has never been the subject of an investigation by the Columbia Office of the FBI. The records reveal that he has never furnished any information to an Agent of this office nor has he been in contact with an Agent of the Columbia Office.

A complete review of the records of the Columbia Office of the FBI reveals that there are no pertinent files or serials nor are there any missing serials which would pertain to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

Investigation on 7/31/78 at Columbia, S. C. File # CO 157-0

by SA Date dictated 8/1/78

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Date AUG. 1, 1978

TO: Director, FBI
 Attention - *[initials]* Director of Planning & Inspection Division,
 Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: SAC, New Orleans (66-2950)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
 Former Klan Informant;
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re FBIHQ airtel 7/20/78; New Orleans airtel 7/26/78,
 and FBIHQ telcall to New Orleans 7/31/78.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are original and three copies of
 an FD-302 by SA relating to a review of
 the New Orleans files in captioned matter.

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Date of transcription August 1, 1978

A review of the files of the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been conducted. This review reveals that these files contain no pertinent information with respect to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s:

- (1) Shooting of a black man during Birmingham riots;
- (2) Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham;
- (3) Bombing of [] residence;
- (4) Was more deeply involved in the LIUZZO killing;
- (5)
 - a. Reported planned violence in advance;
 - b. Instructions given to ROWE, particularly as to conduct, degree of involvement, participation or instigation of acts of violence;
- (6) Any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or handling of ROWE as an informant;
- (7) There are a total number of four serials, and all serials are accounted for;
- (8) Identities of each and every past or present agent having contact with ROWE after January of 1963;
- (9) Identity of persons within law-enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January of 1963.

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Interviewed on 7/31/78 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 66-2950by SA [] mwb Date dictated 7/31/78

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Date 8-1-78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTENTION: ~~ASSISTANT~~ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
 PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIV.,
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re TP airtel to the Bureau 7-28-78, and
 Bureau telephone call 7-31-78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and
 one copy of an FD-302 reflecting search and review of
 Tampa file 157-856 entitled, "BAPBOMB."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
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FROM: SAC, TAMPA

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Enc. original 302 & 1 cc re BAPBOMB

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Date of transcription 8-1-78

On July 28, 1978, a review of Tampa indices indicated only one file pertinent to an ongoing administrative inquiry relative to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., former Klan informant, main case file captioned, "BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963," in Birmingham, Alabama, Tampa file 157-856.

This file was reviewed in its entirety by Special Agent [redacted] to locate any information relative to questions provided by FBI Headquarters. A review of this file was negative as to all questions and in particular there was no information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

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This file consisted of 92 serials and one 1A serial. All serials have been accounted for and this file was appropriately secured.

Investigation on 7-28-78 at Tampa, Florida File # Tampa 157-856
by SA [redacted] :mab Date dictated 8-1-78

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Date 8/1/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: [redacted] Planning and Inspecting
 Division, Office of Professional Responsibility
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted] (2) (P)
 SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
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2 Copies made by [redacted]
 for review by Rowe Task Force
 Date 12-7-78

Re Bureau airtel to Albany dated, 7/20/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of, three FD-302's, reflecting investigation conducted by the San Francisco Division.

Review of San Francisco indices and files determined that the only pertinent file to this inquiry is [redacted]. This file dealt almost exclusively with [redacted].

In response to the requested nine questions, a check of referenced file, [redacted] was negative as to the first seven questions.

In order to prepare a response to the inquiry and to questions requested in referenced Butel, the following Bureau personnel were used:

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 2 - San Francisco [redacted]
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GS-13 - Principal Legal Instructor - Time expended - 1 Hour
GS-11 - Legal Instructor - Time expended - 12 Hours
GS-4 - Indices Clerk - Time expended - 2 Hours

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Date 12-1-75

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[redacted]
[redacted] GARY THOMAS ROWE had contacts with, or discussions concerning, the following law enforcement officials:

1. Beginning on May 28, 1965 and terminating October 25, 1965, ROWE was employed as a temporary investigator for the [redacted]
[redacted]
2. A statement was made, around August 27, 1965, by [redacted]
[redacted] that at some earlier date, ROWE had indicated to him that members or affiliates of [redacted]
[redacted] were Klu Klax Klan members, or had strong Klan ties. [redacted] desired that any such information be relayed to either he or [redacted]
[redacted] enabling them to take appropriate precautions. ROWE responded by asserting, to Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] that [redacted] himself was a Klan member, and that he had heard from another Klansman that [redacted]
[redacted] was also a Klansman. He said further that a [redacted]
[redacted] had strong Klan ties.

3. [redacted]

Interviewed on _____ at _____ File # _____

by SA [redacted] djo Date dictated _____

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In response to an administrative inquiry requested by the Bureau in an airtel to Albany dated, July 20, 1978, all San Francisco indices and files were searched by Correlation Supervisor and Review Clerk [] for information concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE. This search produced one pertinent file, []

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File [] was reviewed by Special Agent [] San Francisco Legal Section, in response to the nine questions propounded in above referenced Bureau Airtel. The review was negative as to questions one thru seven. Answers to questions eight and nine are set forth in separate FD-302's.

Special Agent [] reviewed all serials in file [] for pertinent information.

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San Francisco records reflect the following whereabouts
for the above referenced Agents:

SA [redacted] - Current
address: [redacted] Phone
number: [redacted]

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SA [redacted]
Current address: [redacted]

SAC CURTIS O. LYNUM - Retired August 21, 1967 -
Current address: [redacted]

ASAC HAROLD E. WELBORN - Left San Francisco Division,
June 12, 1966, reassigned to FBI Headquarters.

Interviewed on _____ at _____ File # [redacted] 66-4941

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Current address:

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ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. FORMER KLAN INFORMANT. ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY.

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO SAC, ALBANY DATED JULY 20, 1978.

REVIEW OF ALL INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF THE MINNEAPOLIS
OFFICE FAILED TO REVEAL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE ROWE EVER FURNISHED ANY
INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HIS HAVING SHOT A BLACK MAN DURING THE
BIRMINGHAM RIOTS.

2. ANY INFORMATION THAT ROWE WAS INVOLVED OR ADMITTED TO
INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN
BIRMINGHAM.

3. ANY INFORMATION ROWE WAS INVOLVED OR ADMITTED TO
INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBING OF THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

4. ANY INFORMATION ROWE WAS MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED OR ADMITTED

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FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIUZZO KILLING OTHER THAN HIS TESTIMONY REFLECTS OR THAT THE DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS WHO PROSECUTED THE MATTER WERE FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION AS TO ROWE'S "UNRELIABLE AND/OR CRIMINAL ACTS".

5. (A) ANY INSTANCE WHERE ROWE REPORTED PLANNED VIOLENCE IN ADVANCE TO INCLUDE WHEN THE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED, WHO RECEIVED IT, WHERE IT WAS DISSEMINATED, TO WHOM IT WAS DISSEMINATED, THE DATE OF DISSEMINATION AND THE MANNER OF DISSEMINATION.

5. (B) ANY INSTANCE WHERE INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN TO ROWE, PARTICULARLY TO HIS CONDUCT OR DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN OR INSTIGATION OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

5. (C) NOT APPLICABLE.

6. ANY INFORMATION INDICATING IRREGULARITIES IN ROWE'S ACTIVITIES OR THE BUREAU'S HANDLING OF ROWE AS AN INFORMANT.

7. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ROWE IS CURRENTLY MAINTAINED IN THE MINNEAPOLIS FILE 62-4190 WHICH IS BEING MAINTAINED IN SAC SAFE WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO BE DESTROYED WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL. ALL SERIALS ARE DESCRIBED IN MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE DIRECTOR JULY 17,

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8. EACH SUPERVISOR AND SUPERVISORY SENIOR RESIDENT AGENT WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT EACH AGENT UNDER HIS SUPERVISION TO DETERMINE IF ANY HAD CONTACT WITH ROWE AFTER JANUARY, 1963. BASED ON THIS SURVEY, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NO AGENTS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ROWE.

9. MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION IS NOT AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF ANY PERSONS WITHIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY WHO HAD CONTACT WITH ROWE AFTER JANUARY, 1963.

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Date 8/2/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: *[Signature]* ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
& INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE
OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (66-4033) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re NH airtel 7/28/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and 2
copies of an FD 302 prepared by SA b6
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A review of the records of the New Haven Office of the FBI by SA [] revealed no information responsive to the inquiries contained in Bureau airtel dated July 20, 1978, captioned, "GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY". This review did not indicate that any documents are missing from the records of the FBI, New Haven.

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ATTENTION OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE
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MORNING EDITION OF THE BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD CONTAINS
ON PAGE ONE AN ARTICLE STATING THAT JOBIE BRYAN, DISTRICT
ATTORNEY FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WHICH INCLUDES LOWNDES
COUNTY, ALABAMA, IS SEEKING A MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST ROWE FOR
THE KILLING OF VIOLA LIUZZO. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE
INDICTMENT WILL BE SOUGHT BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1978 ALTHOUGH BRYAN
ACCKNOWLEDGED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE "SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE" AT THIS
TIME. THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT BRYAN WILL USE THE

TESTIMONY OF COLLIE LEROY WILKINS AND EUGENE THOMAS IN ORDER TO

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OBTAIN SUCH AN INDICTMENT.

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Date 8/2/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
ROOM 7650 JEH

FROM *Savannah* SAC, SAVANNAH [REDACTED] (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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Re Bureau airtel to Savannah dated 7/28/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an Employment Application and Personal Resume for THOMAS N. MOORE.

On 7/31/78, contact was made at the following offices in order to locate a record for or fingerprints relating to [REDACTED] as suggested in referenced airtel, also re THOMAS NEIL MOORE, with negative results.

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Record Room and Criminal History Department
Savannah Police Department

[REDACTED]
City Hall
License Bureau
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[REDACTED]
Identification Office
Chatham County PD
Savannah, Ga.

Probate Court
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Savannah, Ga.

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Sheriff's Office
Gun Permits Pending or Issued
Savannah, Ga.

On 8/1/78, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is employed by them. He said [REDACTED] application is in the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not identified by name but her employment was shown as [REDACTED] His date of birth was shown as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that fingerprints of [REDACTED] were taken by the [REDACTED] and have been sent to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made available a copy of his employment application and also made available a copy of [REDACTED] personal resume. These are enclosed for information.

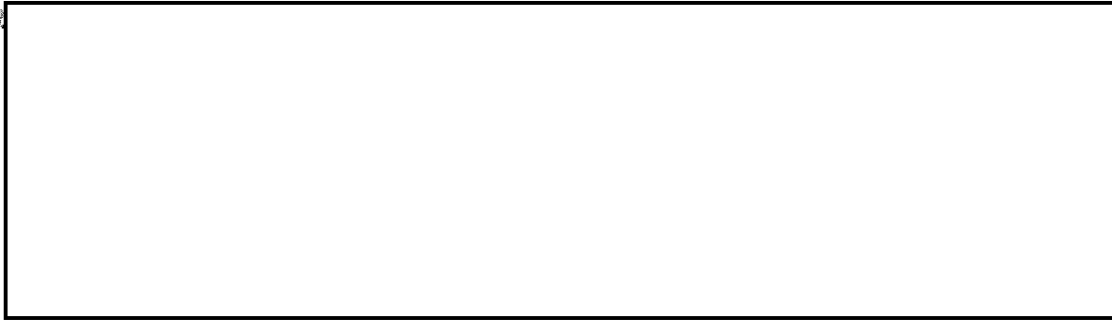
[REDACTED] requested that if there is unfavorable publicity concerning [REDACTED] at a future time he would appreciate being advised of this in order that he could take steps to minimize the damage to his proprietary interest.

On 8/1/78, [REDACTED] (protect identity by request) since she feels to disclose her identity might expose her to physical danger), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was recontacted concerning comments [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]

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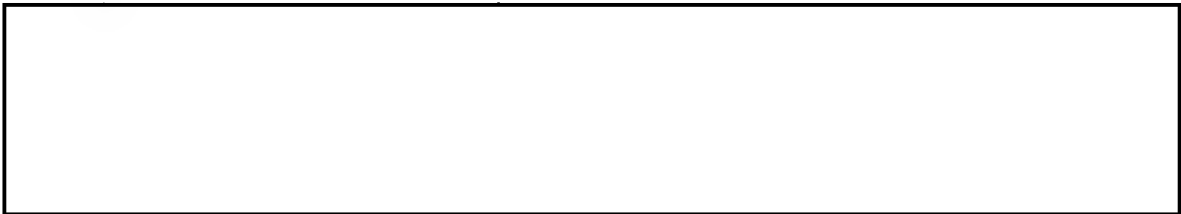
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[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a good man who would readily accept a job but might get sidetracked before it's finished. She said that perhaps he might be used by others. She did not consider [REDACTED] a "hard man" and if he were screamed at, or argued with, he would "fall apart", and be reduced to tears.



[REDACTED] related that the TV show 20-20 showed the witness (believed by her to be [REDACTED] with a hood over his face. [REDACTED] immediately identified the voice. She said also that in the TV showing of people leaving the hearing room in 1975, one photo was of [REDACTED] with the other half cut off. She recalled that [REDACTED] in the past had related that if he appeared as a witness, he would sometime leave the premises or area, appearing to act as a guard for another person. [REDACTED] thought the Press became aware of this.



TWO (2) enclosures transmitted

with Savannah letter, airtel, ~~report~~

dated 8/2/78 from SV #

to BUREAU #

ATTN: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ROOM 7650 JEH

Subject's name CARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12-1-78

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Date 8/2/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (62-2758) RUC

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Baltimore teletype, 8/1/78;
Bureau telephone call to Baltimore, 8/1/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8 copies
of FD-302 regarding file review in this matter.

Time utilized for this survey is 1½ hours by one
GS-13, step 4 agent, and ½ hour by one GS-4, step 4 stenographer.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/2/78

The indices of the Baltimore, Maryland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was searched for the following: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; THOMAS NEIL MOORE; [REDACTED] WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; [REDACTED] VIOLA LUZZO; [REDACTED] "BAPBOMB"; Bombing of the 16th Street Church, 9/15/63. Birmingham, Alabama; and Bombing of Residence of [REDACTED] 9/8/63.

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This search disclosed identifiable references to BA 44-480 case entitled "WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; [REDACTED] GARY THOMAS ROWE; [REDACTED] Mrs. VIOLA GREGG LUZZO - Victim; [REDACTED] Victim;" and BA 157-755 entitled "BAPBOMB".

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These cases were reviewed without locating any information concerning the allegations referred to in Bureau teletype to all SAC's, July 14, 1978.

BA 44-480 consists of five serials and BA-157-755 consists of 17 serials. All serials are accounted for.

Interviewed on 8/1/78 at Baltimore, Maryland File # 62-2758

by SA [REDACTED] evl Date dictated 8/2/78

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: [REDACTED] OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-963) (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY (A)

Re Bureau telcal, 8/1/78.

Enclosed is the original and two copies of an
FD-302 regarding captioned inquiry.

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Date of transcription 8/2/78

Records of the Las Vegas Division have been searched for any information relating to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. and were negative.

The Las Vegas Division does have a file on BAPBOMB consisting of seven serials. These serials make no reference to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. The serials in the file on BAPBOMB are all accounted for and have been secured.

Investigation on 8/2/78 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 62-963

by SA *ca*
ca Date dictated 8/2/78

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Date 8/2/78

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN:

ROOM 7646, Planning and
 Inspection Division, Office of Professional
 Responsibility

FROM

SAC LOUISVILLE (62-2148) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, July 20, 1978, and
 Louisville airtel to the Bureau, July 27, 1978.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies
 of an FD-302 containing information regarding GARY THOMAS
 ROWE, JR., as set forth in referenced Louisville airtel to
 the Bureau, dated July 27, 1978.

The original and one copy of the FD-302 are being
 maintained by the Louisville Division.

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The files of the Louisville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Louisville, Kentucky, contain no information identifiable with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., under his true name, aliases, symbol number or code name.

No information is contained in the Louisville Division indicative of the following:

- 1) That ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham, Alabama riots in 1963.
- 2) That ROWE was involved or admitted to being involved in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963.
- 3) That ROWE was involved or admitted to being involved in the bombing of the [redacted] residence in [redacted] on September 8, 1963. b6
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- 4) That ROWE was deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the killing of Mrs. VIOLA G. LIUZZO in Lawndale County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, or any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts".
- 5) That ROWE reported planned violence in advance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and instructions were given to ROWE, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence.
- 6) No information exists indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.
- 7) All serials pertaining to ROWE are in appropriate files and all are accounted for.

Investigation on 7/27/78 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 62-2148

by SA [redacted] /mmh Date dictated 7/28/78

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- 8) No Special Agent assigned to the Louisville Division has had contact with ROWE after January 1963.
- 9) No instances are known wherein other persons within the law enforcement community in the Louisville Division (State of Kentucky) has had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST 1, 1978.

REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALBANY DATED 7/20/78.

THOROUGH REVIEW OF HOUSTON FILES RELATING TO INSTANT MATTER
DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING:

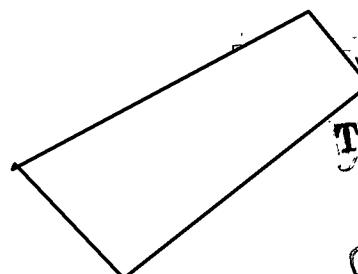
THERE IS NO INFORMATION DISCLOSING ANY INVESTIGATION AT
HOUSTON WITH REGARD TO ANY OF THE CASES IN WHICH ROWE ALLEGEDLY
FURNISHED INFORMATION; HOUSTON HAD NO CONTACT WITH ROWE AT ANY
TIME AND HAS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILES REGARDING ANY DIRECT
CONTACT WITH ROWE.

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Date: 8/3/78

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
 THE PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIV.,
 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (62-2654) (RVC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

ReBuairtel, 7/20/78;
 BHairtel and LHM, 7/31/78.

In referenced Buairtel dated 7/20/78, it was requested that Birmingham Division maintain cost data regarding above administrative inquiry. Set forth below is said cost data by grade:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hours</u>
GS-14	24
13	287
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10	88
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TOTAL	571

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

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TO : The Director

DATE: 8/3/78

FROM : Lee Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Biamonte *113*

PURPOSE:

To advise of a request received from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice (DOJ), on 8/3/78 regarding the status of captioned inquiry so that it may be furnished to the Attorney General prior to his appearance on "Face The Nation", Sunday, 8/6/78.

DETAILS:

Mr. Richard Rogers Associate Counsel, OPR, DOJ, called Deputy Assistant Director T. J. Biamonte, 8:30 a.m., 8/3/78, to advise that the Attorney General will appear on the television program "Face The Nation", Sunday, 8/6/78, and anticipated that questions may be posed to him concerning the status of captioned matter. According to Mr. Rogers, he and OPR Counsel Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., have to prepare a memorandum for the Attorney General by 10:00 a.m., 8/3/78, for the Attorney General incorporating therein what the FBI has done to date. Rogers said he and Shaheen wished to demonstrate to the Attorney General that the FBI is doing a thorough and excellent job in attempting to develop all information relating to the allegations.

OPR, DOJ, has been kept fully abreast of our inquiry and was advised by letter dated 7/20/78 of the scope of our inquiry. At 9:45 a.m. Deputy Assistant Director Biamonte personally briefed Rogers and informed him that 41 field offices had responded to our initial teletype which requested these offices to identify pertinent references to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and other pertinent case files. Mr. Rogers was informed that on 7/20/78 an airtel Enclosure - Sent 8/3/78

1 - Mr. Biamonte

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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Memorandum Lee Colwell to The Director
RE: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

was sent to these 41 offices to review all of the information in their possession and furnish it to the Bureau in the format as set forth in the airtel. Detailed instructions were contained in this airtel as to how the information should be reported. Rogers was informed that these offices were given a deadline of 8/1/78 but because of the voluminous nature of the review we have given some offices an extension and we are in the process of collating all of the material received so that a report can be prepared as expeditiously as possible for transmittal to OPR, DOJ. Mr. Rogers expressed complete satisfaction for the manner in which the Bureau was handling the inquiry and said he would incorporate all of the information furnished to him in a memorandum to the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, DOJ, which contains instructions furnished to our field offices, be approved.

APPROVED: *W*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : The Director

DATE: 8/3/78

FROM : Lee Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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On 7/27/78 Supervisor [redacted] Office of Professional Responsibility, was advised by the Records Management Division that Section 3 of the file on [redacted] Et Al, Viola Liuzzo, AKA, Et Al, Victims CR-EL" (BuFile 44-28601) cannot be located. This file contains serials numbered from 37 through 82. The Records Management Division has advised that the file has been missing since the early part of April 1978. A memorandum has been sent from the Records Management Division to all Divisions at Headquarters requesting that personnel of each Division and office thoroughly search assigned space and advise the Records Management Division by 8/3/78 of the results. Records Management Division is attempting to reconstruct Section 3 in the event it is not located.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Biamonte

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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August 3, 1978

Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ

Director, FBI

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Reference is made to my letter dated July 20, 1978, captioned as above.

This letter will confirm the conversation between your Associate Counsel Richard Rogers and Deputy Assistant Director Thomas J. Biamonte on August 3, 1978.

In accordance with Mr. Rogers' request the following are the instructions which were sent to 41 field offices which had previously advised their office indices contained some references to individuals previously identified by them in this inquiry.

"Any information to indicate Rowe ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

"Any information that Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

"Any information Rowe was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [] residence.

"Any information Rowe was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Liuzzo killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to Rowe's 'unreliable and/or criminal acts.' It is noted

Rowe maintains that he was a passenger in the vehicle used by Klansmen who shot Liuzzo but denies having fired a weapon.

1 - Mr. Biamonte

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NOTE: See memo Lee Corwell to the Director, 8/3/78, captioned as above.

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ

"Identify each instance where Rowe reported planned violence in advance to include when the information was received, who received it, whether it was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination and the manner of dissemination.

"Identify any instructions given to Rowe, particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence. Identify who issued the instructions, when they were issued and how they were recorded.

"These items should be identified by type of communication, date, page number and identity of the Agent who prepared the communication.

"Any information indicating irregularities in Rowe's activities or the Bureau's handling of Rowe as an informant.

"Determine the total number of serials in the pertinent files and insure all are accounted for. If any are missing, include appropriate explanation.

"Identify each and every past or present Agent having had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, and where past Agents are involved, furnish their current whereabouts if known. This should include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts.

~~"Identify any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with Rowe after January, 1963, to include the time period for dates of contacts, location of contacts and purpose of contacts."~~

The Office of Professional Responsibility, FBI, is currently in the process of collating the information which it is receiving from our field offices and it is anticipated that a report in this matter will be furnished to you on or about August 25, 1978.

APPROVED: *TS*

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

ATTN: ASST. DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIV.,
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. FORMER KLAN INFORMANT; ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO NEW YORK, DATED JULY 20, 1978 AND NEW
YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 1, 1978.

A REVIEW OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF
THE NEW YORK DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE AIRTEL
REVEALS:

1. NO INFORMATION ROWE FURNISHED INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO HIS HAVING SHOT A BLACK MAN.
2. NO INFORMATION ROWE WAS INVOLVED OR ADMITTED INVOLVEMENT
IN THE BOMBING OF THE 16TH SHEET BAPTIST CHURCH.
3. NO INFORMATION ROWE WAS INVOLVED OR ADMITTED INVOLVEMENT
IN BOMBING OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

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4. NO INFORMATION ROWE WAS MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED OR ADMITTED FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIUZZO KILLING.

5. NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ROWE'S ACTIVITIES OR CONDUCT, CONTACT WITH BUREAU OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AS ENUMERATED IN REFERENCE AIRTEL.

FD-302 TO FOLLOW.

THIS INQUIRY BY THE NEW YORK DIVISION REQUIRED TWO HOURS OF INVESTIGATION BY EACH OF SIX SPECIAL AGENTS, GS11 AND ONE DAY BY CASE AGENT, GS11.

EXTENSION OF BUDED GRANTED PER REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL.

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Date 8/4/78

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: 

PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
ROOM 7650

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (62-4190) (RUC)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an
FD-302 reflecting the results of a file review conducted
at Minneapolis on 8/1/78.

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Date of transcription August 4, 1978

A file review was conducted within the Minneapolis Office of the FBI regarding possible information concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. A review of all information in possession of the Minneapolis Office failed to reveal any of the following:

1. Any information indicating ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.
2. Any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.
3. Any information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [] residence.
4. Any information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing other than his testimony reflects or that the departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and-or criminal acts."
- 5(a). Any instance where ROWE reported planned violence in advance ~~and~~ when the information was received, who received it, where it was disseminated, to whom it was disseminated, the date of dissemination, and the manner of dissemination.

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by SA [] /pkb Date dictated August 2, 1978

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- 5(b). Any instance where instructions were given to ROWE, particularly to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence.
6. Any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.
7. Each Supervisor and Supervisory Senior Resident Agent was requested to contact each Agent under his supervision to determine if any had contact with ROWE after January, 1963. Based on this survey, it was determined that no Agent currently assigned to the Minneapolis Division had any contact with ROWE.
8. Minneapolis is not aware of the identity of any persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

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Date 8/4/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (62-1095) (RUC)

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau 7/28/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
three copies of an FD-302 showing the results of the
indices check and file review in this matter by the
Norfolk Division.

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Date of transcription 8/4/781

A review of all information in possession of the Norfolk Division of the FBI does not show any information pertaining to the following regarding GARY THOMAS ROWE, Jr.:

1) Any information to indicate ROWE ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

2) Any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

3) Any information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [] residence.

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4) Any information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Luizzo killing other than his testimony reflects or that the Departmental attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

5) a. Any instance where ROWE reported planned violence in advance.

b. Any instructions given to ROWE.

6) Any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the FBI's handling of ROWE as an informant.

7) Any pertinent files or serials pertaining to ROWE.

8) Any past or present Agent having had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

9) Any other persons within the law enforcement community who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 8/4/78 at Norfolk, Virginia File # Norfolk 62-1095

by SA [] dsm Date dictated 8/4/78

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Date 8/7/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (66-1249) (C)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re telcon with Supervisor 8/7/78.Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD 302
dated 7/27/78.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 7/31/78

A review of Mobile files does not indicate any information to indicate GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots, any information that ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, any information ROWE was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [redacted] residence or any information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the Liuzzo killing or that the Departmental Attorneys who prosecuted the matter were furnished any information as to ROWE's "unreliable and/or criminal acts."

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The Mobile file review does not indicate any instructions given to ROWE particularly as to his conduct or degree of involvement regarding participation in or instigation of acts of violence, any information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant, any past or present agent of the Mobile Division having had contact with ROWE after January, 1963 or any contact of other persons within the law enforcement community of the Mobile Division who had contact with ROWE after January, 1963.

Mobile File 157-416 contains 421 serials relative to the matter and all serials are present in the file with the exception of serial 313 which is missing. A possibility exists that serial 313 was a Form 0-1, Error Form, from the Bureau dated February 20, 1964 which was serialized and returned to FBI Headquarters on February 22, 1964.

Interviewed on 7/27/78 at Mobile, Alabama File # MO 66-1249
by SA [redacted] JEB/lrb Date dictated 7/28/78

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Date 8/7/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
[REDACTED] ROOM 7650, JEH

FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-3089)(RUC)

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Bureau telephone call to Denver, 8/7/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original FD-302
of Supervisor [REDACTED] attesting to the indices
and file review in captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

8/7/78

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This is to advise that in my position as a Supervisory Special Agent of the Denver Office of the FBI, I personally searched this office's general indices regarding GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., et al. The only reference found to this matter was a case file pertaining to the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, September 15, 1963, at Birmingham, Alabama.

The file consists of five serials as follows:

1. Birmingham airtel to the Director, September 18, 1963, two pages;
2. Birmingham airtel to the Director, September 28, 1963, one page;
3. Birmingham airtel to the Director, September 29, 1963, one page;
4. Birmingham letterhead memorandum enclosure to Item #3, supra, September 29, 1963, four pages;
5. Denver letter to the Director, October 18, 1963, one page.

This file with its five serials has been secured in a safe-type cabinet and appropriately marked to preclude destruction.

Interviewed on 8/7/78 at Denver, Colorado File # DN 62-3089
by SA [redacted] sip Date dictated 8/7/78

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Date 8/8/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND
INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (62-15386) (RUC) (#206)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT;
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

ReNYtele to Bu, Office of Professional Responsibility,
dated 8/2/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Director of the Planning and
Inspection Division, Office of Professional Responsibility is
original and two copies of FD 302 concerning review of information
by NY Division.

NY will continue to maintain relevant files and serials
in bulky exhibit section pending notification from Bureau.

As there are no further leads for NY, NY considers this
matter RUC'd.

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2 - Bureau (Encl. 3)
1 - New York

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Approved: KJ [signature]

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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (3)

(ATTN: DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING & INSPECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

NYfile 62-15386

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT;
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Enclosed for the Bu, is original and two copies of FD-302's
concerning review of information by NYO Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 8/8/78

A review of all pertinent information in possession of the New York Division reveals the following:

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. furnished no information pertaining to his having shot a black man.

ROWE furnished no information that he was involved or admitted involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.

ROWE, furnished no information that he was involved or admitted involvement in bombing of [redacted] Residence.

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No information ROWE was more deeply involved or admitted further involvement in the LIUZZO killing other than as revealed in his prior testimony.

No information of an instance where ROWE reported planned violence in advance of the act or acts.

No information indicating irregularities in ROWE's activities or the Bureau's handling of ROWE as an informant.

No information concerning agents of New York Division or other law enforcement personnel having contact with ROWE.

Interviewed on 8/2/78 at New York, New York File # NY 62-15386

by SA [redacted] emj Date dictated 8/8/78

memorandum

DATE: 8/8/78

REPLY TO: SAC, Savannah

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b7DSUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRYTO: Director, FBI
(Attn: Office of Professional Responsibility, Room 7650)

Re Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78 and Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 7/31/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and two copies each of nine FD 302s as requested in telephone call to Savannah on 8/7/78 in response to questions numbers 1 through 7 in above referenced Bureau airtel dated 7/20/78. FD 302s for questions 7 and 8 were previously furnished Bureau by Savannah airtel to Director dated 7/31/78.

Additional review of files conducted by Special Agent GS-11 and involved approximately 15 minutes of file review and 15 minutes of dictation.

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- ② - Bureau (Encs. 27)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah file 157-503 which deals with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, determined that this file contains 245 serials of which serial number 210 is missing. There is no indication in the file as to the reason for the absence of this serial. Savannah was an auxiliary office in this investigation and the office of origin was Birmingham, Alabama. Serial 209 is dated February 1, 1964, and serial 211 is dated March 17, 1964.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV b2
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by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78 b6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah file [] which carries GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as the subject determined that on August 8, 1978, it contains 24 serials none of which are missing.

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Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV []
by SA [] /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information indicating irregularities in GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s activities or the handling of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as an informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information within the Savannah Division to indicate that any person within the law enforcement community has had contact with GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., after January, 1963.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information indicating irregularities in GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.'s activities or the handling of GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as an informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information within the Savannah Division to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ever reported planned violence in advance.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/781

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information in the Savannah Division which indicates that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was involved or admitted involvement in the killing of VIOLA LIUZZO.

Investigation on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information in the Savannah Division to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was involved in or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the [] residence.

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Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV []b2
b7Dby SA [] the Date dictated 8/8/78b6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., was involved or admitted to involvement in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/8/78

Review of Savannah indices and files determined that there is no information to indicate that GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., ever furnished any information pertaining to his having shot a black man during the Birmingham riots.

Interviewed on 8/8/78 at Savannah, Georgia File # SV
by SA /hc Date dictated 8/8/78

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Routing Slip

FD-4 (Rev. 3-1-73)

Date 8/9/78

To: ☒ Director

Att.: Office of Planning & Evaluation HO 66-1788

Section OPR

Title GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

☐ SAC FORMER KLAN INFORMANT

☐ ASAC ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

☐ Supv. _____

☐ Agent _____

☐ SE _____

☐ SC _____

☐ CC _____

☐ Steno _____

☐ Clerk _____

☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial # _____

☐ Post

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☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by _____

☐ Type

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Enclosed is the original and one copy of an FD-302 dated 8/9/78.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

2- ENCLOSURE

See reverse side

CHARLES E. PRICE

HOUSTON

58 AUG 25 1978

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: OPE, OPR SECTION

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (66-1788)

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Original and one copy of 302 dated
8/9/78.

ReHO R/S dated 8/9/78

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/9/78

Files of the Houston Division were reviewed by the writer and they disclosed no information concerning any investigation at Houston with regard to any cases in which GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. allegedly furnished information. The files show that the Houston Office of the FBI had no contact with ROWE at any time and the files disclosed no information identified as having come directly from ROWE. These files disclosed no information pertaining to the allegations made of illegal activities on the part of ROWE. No serials are missing from the pertinent files which are in the Houston Office of the FBI.

Investigation on 8/1/78 at Houston, Texas File # HO 66-1788
by SA [redacted] ma [signature] Date dictated 8/9/78

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director
Planning and Inspection Division
Attn:

DATE: 8/10/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

*Copies made by [initials]
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12-1-78*

[Signature]

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PURPOSE: To provide Planning and Inspection Division (PID), Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), with a summary of civil actions involving Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS: In PID memo from L. Colwell to the Director, dated 7/20/78, Legal Counsel Division was requested to provide PID background on the civil actions involving Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. and this Bureau. The attached insert provides a summary of two civil suits and one administrative claim.

RECOMMENDATION: That attached insert be provided to PID-OPR.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 4 - Civil Litigation Unit
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LEGAL COUNSEL
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In Planning and Inspection Division (PID) memo from L. Colwell to the Director dated 7/20/78, Legal Counsel Division (LCD) was requested to provide PID background on the civil actions involving Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. and this Bureau. There are two civil suits and one administrative claim.

SUIT (1)

[REDACTED]
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.
(U.S.D.C., S.D.N.Y.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. [REDACTED]

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The original complaint was filed on March 2, 1976. Defendants Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Thomas J. Jenkins, Deputy Associate Director of the FBI, [REDACTED] Special Agent (SA), and four unknown Agents of the FBI. The cause of action alleges violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1983 and certain Constitutional violations. The captioned civil action was filed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The allegations in the complaint are based on Congressional testimony given by former FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., that this Bureau had advance information that the CORE riders were to be beaten by alleged Ku Klux Klan members and that the FBI did nothing to protect the interest of the CORE riders and did not notify any agencies outside the FBI in any effort to protect the safety of these individuals. Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Peter C. Salerno, Southern District of New York, is responsible for the defense of the Director in his official capacity and individual capacity and Thomas J. Jenkins, former Deputy Associate Director and former SA [REDACTED] The Government has participated in discovery proceedings and a motion for summary judgment is currently pending before the Court.

SUIT (2)

[REDACTED]
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.
(U.S.D.C., W.D. MICH.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. [REDACTED]

Captioned civil action has been filed by

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The claim is based on the same Congressional testimony given by former FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

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The allegations are similar, the defendants are the same but also include former Associate Director Richard G. Held. AUSA Robert C. Greene, Western District of Michigan, is responsible for the Government defendants in this related case. The facts of the captioned case show that the bus was stopped and burned near Anniston, prior to arriving at Birmingham, its destination. Although Rowe was not present or involved in the beating of [redacted] or the burning of the bus a claim of a "duty owed" and "knowledge" is made.

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In both civil actions the Government has argued that the statute of limitations has run with respect to the allegations and that, in fact, the plaintiff had notice in the 1960's of the facts. There was no duty owed to the plaintiffs by the FBI, or its Agents, in 1961.

CLAIM (1)

[redacted]
CLAIM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Captioned claim was filed on 10/12/77, seeking \$2,000,000.00 as compensation for the alleged negligence and/or wrongful failure to prevent the murder of Viola Liuzzo through a so-called "employee" Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. They allege the FBI had knowledge that the violence was going to occur and our failure is actionable. The Bureau recommended the claim be denied. A suit is imminent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : The Director

DATE: 8/10/78

1 - Mr. Biamonte

FROM : L. Colwell

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Copies made by C1
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12-1-78

Biamonte AB

PURPOSE:

To advise you of results of an interview with SA [redacted] Philadelphia Division, concerning his having been contacted by Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG) James P. Turner, Department of Justice (DOJ).

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DETAILS:

On 7/28/78 SAC Neil Welch, Philadelphia Division, telephonically advised that SA [redacted] currently a Supervisor in the Philadelphia Office, had been contacted by a counsel of a Senate Select Committee regarding his testimony before the Committee concerning Rowe in 1975. The counsel indicated that the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), DOJ, had requested SA [redacted] testimony and asked if SA [redacted] would agree to its release. SA [redacted] requested the opportunity to review his testimony and by memorandum dated 7/28/78, authority was granted for him to travel to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of that review.

SA [redacted] advised on 8/9/78 that he had completed the review and agreed to the release of the testimony.

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SAC Welch also advised on 7/28/78 that SA [redacted] had been contacted by DAAG Jim Turner, Civil Rights Division, DOJ; however, SAC Welch was not aware of the purpose of the contact.

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FBI/DOJ

Memorandum to The Director
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

On 8/9/78 SA [] was interviewed by OPR, FBI, and advised Mr. Turner contacted him following the broadcast of the first "20/20" program concerning Rowe and after an article had appeared in the "New York Times" concerning Rowe's having shot a black man.

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He advised Mr. Turner referred to the numerous inquiries being received by the Department and stated he was responsible for drafting an answer to the inquiries. He advised the purpose of the call was to refresh his memory.

He advised Mr. Turner asked him about the allegation of Rowe having shot a black man and he told Mr. Turner Rowe had told him that story at least ten times. He said he also told Mr. Turner that Rowe related this story along with several other past escapades he liked to brag about while SA [] was guarding Rowe after the murder of Viola G. Liuzzo on 3/25/65. SA [] said he had asked other Agents in Birmingham who had contact with Rowe about the story and at least one had indicated to him that there was a possibility the story was true, but that they had been unable to verify that anyone had been seriously injured or killed. He indicated this conversation occurred after his return from the guard detail.

SA [] said he had no idea whether Rowe's story appeared in any FBI files since it happened before he had any contact with Rowe, noting he, himself, arrived in Birmingham in February, 1964.

Details concerning the interview with SA [] will be included in an FD-302 and furnished to OPR, DOJ, in the report concerning the Rowe inquiry.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information.

APPROVED: [Signature]

[Signature]
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Date 8/10/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTN: OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
 ROOM 7650

FROM: SAC MOBILE (66-1249)

RE: GARY THOMAS ~~ROWE~~, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

~~APPLICANTS GENERAL~~

Re Mobile teletype 7/17/78. REC-501

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Referenced teletype stated that Mobile Division was origin in the Civil Rights investigation involving the death of VIOLA LIUZZO, however, this file was destroyed circa December, 1977 in accordance with File Destruction Program.

FBIHQ has advised that the Mobile file number identical to this investigation is 44-1245.

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The records of this division indicate that file 44-1245 was destroyed 12/23/77.

The litigation sheet dated 11/21/77 concerning the administrative claim of [redacted] designated page 510 of Bureau letter of 11/22/77, was received in the Mobile Division 12/5/77.

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Review of this litigation sheet reveals that the title name [REDACTED] was searched with negative results. No other search markings appear on this sheet.

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The Clerk responsible for this search and the overall File Destruction Program of this division has stated that he believes that he also searched the names appearing in the Related Individuals category on this litigation sheet. It is very possible that this did occur. It should be borne in mind that if there were ever only reference cards (not main file cards) in the index of this division concerning any of the individuals mentioned on the litigation sheet that these cards would have been destroyed prior to December, 1977 in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding the purging of index cards. If this had been the case, the search of such names would have been negative.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ

August 11, 1978

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Biamonte

1 - Mr. Moore

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

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On July 21, 1978, a citizen who requested confidentiality indicating any exposure might result in physical danger was interviewed by Agents of the Savannah, Georgia, Office and provided information concerning Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

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The source has identified the man as being identical to Rowe after reviewing the "20/20" television broadcast.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND INSPECTION DIVISION,
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE
INQUIRY.

INFORMATION RECEIVED ON AUGUST 11, 1978, FROM A SOURCE

THAT THERE IS A WARRANT OUT-

STANDING FOR ROWE CHARGING HIM WITH MURDER IN ALABAMA. ACCORDING
TO THIS SOURCE, THE WARRANT HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO SAN DIEGO AND
WAS TO BE SERVED ON ROWE IN THIS AREA. THIS SOURCE RECEIVED

THIS INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHO HAD BEEN IN ALABAMA.

SAN DIEGO HAS NO INFORMATION ALONG THESE LINES AND IS
FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO THE BUREAU FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

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TO : Mr. Colwell

DATE: 8/14/78

FROM : T. J. Biamonte

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRYPURPOSE:

To advise you of possible pending prosecution of Rowe in the State of Alabama.

DETAILS:

By teletype dated 8/11/78 the San Diego Division advised information was received from a source [redacted] to the effect that there was a warrant outstanding for Rowe charging him with murder in Alabama. This source received the information from another source who had been in Alabama.

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On 8/14/78 Supervisor [redacted] Birmingham Division, advised he had no information that charges had been filed or that a warrant was outstanding for Rowe. He advised that news accounts had indicated Alabama authorities were considering asking for such a warrant but to his knowledge none had been issued. The Birmingham Division will follow this matter closely and advise if charges are filed.

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For information.

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Biamonte
- 1 - [redacted]

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TO : The Director

DATE: 8/17/78

FROM: L. Colwell

1 - Mr. Biamonte
 1 - Mr. Mintz
 1 - Mr. Moore

SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

PURPOSE:

To forward the attached report containing the results of a preliminary inquiry into allegations concerning Rowe's activities as an informant and the Bureau's handling of him.

2 Copies made by CT
 for review by Rowe Task Force
 Date 12-1-78

DETAILS:

By letter dated 7/14/78, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice (DOJ), requested OPR, FBI, conduct an inquiry into allegations relating to Rowe after U. S. Senators Kennedy and Abourezk requested an inquiry by DOJ.

All known FBI files concerning Rowe, the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, the bombing of the [redacted] residence and the murder of Viola G. Liuzzo have been reviewed. The results are set forth in the report and indicate the only files relevant to the inquiry are located in the Birmingham Office and FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

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No information was located in FBI files to verify any of the allegations made concerning Rowe are true or that there was any impropriety in the handling of Rowe.

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The Birmingham Division furnished transcripts of two interviews of Rowe conducted by representatives of the Attorney General of Alabama and narrative results of two polygraph tests administered to Rowe at the request of the Alabama authorities.

Enclosure

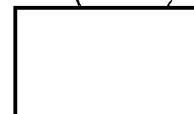
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Memorandum to The Director
Re: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

The interviews are inconsistent with each other and with information located in Bureau files. Rowe made admissions of involvement in the [redacted] bombing during the interviews; however, his admissions are inconsistent with the facts of the case.

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The polygraph results consist of narratives prepared by the operators that state there was deception noted in Rowe's responses to questions relating to bombings that occurred in Birmingham during the early 1960's.

A limited interview of SA [redacted] is included in the report. SA [redacted] was the contact Agent for Rowe toward the end of his having been used as an informant and spent an extensive amount of time with Rowe following the Liuzzo killing. The interview was to determine the purpose of Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner having contacted SA [redacted] following media revelations concerning Rowe.

SA [redacted] stated Mr. Turner wanted to refresh his memory in order to prepare a response to inquiries concerning Rowe. SA [redacted] also stated Rowe had told him he had killed a black man during the Birmingham riots of 1963. He stated Rowe told him that story and many others while they were together in 1965. He stated he checked with other Agents at the time and was told they had checked out the story and could not verify anyone had been killed or seriously injured. Neither Birmingham nor FBIHQ files contain any reference to such an incident.

Following a review of the report by OPR, DOJ, OPR, FBI, will contact Mr. Shaheen to determine the nature and scope of any additional investigation deemed necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That you approve the attached report for transmittal to OPR, DOJ.

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2. That OPR, FBI, contact OPR, DOJ, to determine the nature and scope of any additional investigation deemed necessary.

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ
Director, FBI

August 17, 1978

1 - Mr. Biamonte
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Moore

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Enclosed is a report setting forth results of a preliminary inquiry into allegations concerning Rowe's activities as an informant and the Bureau's handling of him.

The report consists of a review of all known FBI files concerning Rowe; the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama; the bombing of the [redacted] residence in Birmingham; and the murder of Viola G. Liuzzo. It has been determined that the only files relevant to the inquiry are located in the records of the Birmingham Field Division and FBI Headquarters.

Also included are results of a preliminary interview of SA [redacted] who was Rowe's contact Agent at the time of the Liuzzo killing. The purpose of the interview was to determine the reason Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner contacted SA [redacted] following media revelations of Rowe's alleged activities. A more detailed interview will be conducted if deemed necessary.

Please review the enclosed report and advise what additional investigation you deem necessary.

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**Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ**

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The Savannah Division recontacted the source on August 1, 1978, and the source reaffirmed the desire for protection of his identity. The source definitely would not testify and if called as a witness, may deny having said anything.

On August 1, 1978,

[redacted] verified [redacted] was employed there, stating his middle name was Neil, [redacted]. He provided copies of [redacted] application for employment and resume. A review of those documents indicates that the name [redacted] referred to by the source is probably identical to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., subject of the current inquiry. All logical attempts to obtain copies of the fingerprints of [redacted] for comparison with Rowe's to affect a positive identification have been negative. No attempt has been made to interview [redacted]

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ

A copy of the resume and application is enclosed for your information.

Rowe was a Birmingham Division informant during the period 1961 to 1963 and the Bureau files contain no information relevant to the stories [] has furnished to the source. There has been no account similar to these stories published in the media releases concerning Rowe.

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Please advise whether the above information should be disseminated or if additional investigation is warranted.

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